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FROM THE HON. MR. SPEAKER ROBINSON.

Janry 27. 1756

DEAR SIR.

I recd your Letter by Capt Mercer and as the Sum he mentioned was more than I cared to issue without the direction of the Com. I went the next day to Wmsburgh and summoned a Com. tho. I could not get one to meet before fryday, when they directed me to send you £3000—which I have now done by Capt Mercer, I could not possibly dispatch him sooner, as there were no large Bills ready for me to sign, but I hope his delay will be of no prejudice to you. I am very sorry to hear of the very odd Situation you are at present in, and tho' I have at present very little Interest at Court, I waited on the Govr. the night I got to Town to acquaint him of your desire to wait upon the General to solicit the Affair in person, he told me he had recd a Letter from you to the same Purpose, and as there would be a Council the next day he would take their Advise upon it, and I have heard that it was agreed you should go, of which I suppose he will inform you himself, tho' I am afraid your Journey wont answer your Expectation, as the Govr. said he had received a Letter from the Genl. wherein he acquainted him that he had left the Matter to be settled by Mr. Sharpe, and he further in discourse let fall some Expressions as if Govr. Sharpe would have the Command of the Forces, however I heartily wish my Fears may be groundless, and that you may in this and every other undertakeing meet with the desired Success. I mentioned to the Com. what you said about the Officers being paid what was due to them

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from the Men that were dead killed or deserted out of the Arrears that were due to them, but they were of Opinion that the Officers ought to lay their Acct.s before them, and indeed seemed to think that as the Officers had reserved full pay for their Companies when they were seldom compleat, they would be made amends by it for any loss they had sustained by the others. Mr. Finney produced an Acct. to the Committee for some pay advanced to several of the men, but was to you and directed to send their Receipts that it might be stoped out of the Arrears of such that are in the Service, as to any other Matters that were agreed on Capt Mercer can acquaint you with them and therefore I shall not trouble you any further about them.

I have inclosed a Letter for my Bror. in New York which I hope you will take the trouble of delivering yourself, I am with my unfeigned Wishes for your health and Prosperity

Dr Sir Your Sincere Friend & Servt. JOHN ROBINSON